

Amendments to the Claims

Kindly amend claims 3 and 4.

Kindly add new claims 5-8.

Claim 1 (Original) A treating method for coating material waste water characterized by irradiating coating material waste water with a micro wave to decompose scarcely decomposable substances contained in the waste water to easily decomposable substances and then feeding the resulting treated water to a biological reaction bath to subject it to biological treatment under aerobic or anaerobic atmosphere.

Claim 2 (Original) The treating method for coating material waste water as described in Claim 1, wherein the micro wave is irradiated for 1 to 60 minutes.

Claim 3 (Currently amended) The treating method for coating material waste water as described in Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein a microorganism-fixed carrier is used in the biological treatment.

Claim 4 (Currently amended) The treating method for coating material waste water as described in ~~any of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1, wherein coagulation and separation treatment by a flocculant or electrolytic treatment is carried out before the coating material waste water is irradiated with a micro wave.

Claim 5 (New) The treating method for coating material waste water as described in Claim 2, wherein a microorganism-fixed carrier is used in the biological treatment.

Claim 6 (New) The treating method for coating material waste water as described in Claim 2, wherein coagulation and separation treatment by a flocculant or electrolytic treatment is carried out before the coating material waste water is irradiated with a micro wave.

Claim 7 (New) The treating method for coating material waste water as described in Claim 3, wherein coagulation and separation treatment by a flocculant or electrolytic treatment is carried out before the coating material waste water is irradiated with a micro wave.

Claim 8 (New) The treating method for coating material waste water as described in Claim 5, wherein coagulation and separation treatment by a flocculant or electrolytic treatment is carried out before the coating material waste water is irradiated with a micro wave.